(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE 'S.U\IED'I$_4$\M)0FALE< (a) Reserve Bank of Indi$_a$ (RBI) has repoorted that during the period September to November, 1988, it had received some anonymous petitions st certain officers of its Bangalore Office. Inquiries made by RBI revealed the allegations to be without substance.

(b) and (c) A section of the Class III employees of the Bangalore Office of RBI had a strike from 21-8-87 to 30-9.87. A section of the Class IV emloyees struck work for a few days in irt of th$_e$ agitation by the Class III emoloyees. According to RBI, the strike had been sparked off following the suspension of three employeeg for their unseemly behaviour in the chamber of the Manager of RB^T. Bangalore Office. RBI hag further indicated that the strike was not against any a^eged corrupt practices of an$_y$ officer of the Bank.

Conversion of Handlooms into Powerlooms

'^{l}310. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that Government had discontinued its experimental scheme of conversion of handlooms into powerlooms in 1961:

(b) whether it is als$_0$ a fact that .contrary to clear Government policies his Ministry is regularising unauthorised powerlooms; and

(c) if so, what step$_s$ are being templated in this regard SQ as to protect the interests of handlooms weavers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI •RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Ye$_s$ Sir.

(b) The Textile Policy 1985 of Government of India aims at removal of structural rigidities in the textile industry and harmonious development of its various sectors. Taking note of the growth of unauthorised powerlooms in the past on account of certain economic advantages enjoyed by them, the Textile Policy stipulates that powerloomg i$_n$ th$_e$ organised mill sector and in th$_e$ unorganised powerloom sector shall, as far as possible, be treated at par. In the context of the unplanned growth of powerlooms in the unorganised sector, the Textile Policy further stipulates compulsory registration of powerlooms.

(c) The Textile Policy envisages that effective measures would be taken to see that the powerlooms do not encroach upon articles reserved for exclusive production on handlooms. Accordingly in order to protect the interest $_0$f the handloom sector the Central Government have reserved 22 item$_s$ of cotton, silk, wool and blends for execlusive production in the handloom sector under the provisions of the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985. Central Government has also set up Enforcement Machinery to implement the Reservation Order$_s$ and is assisting the State Governments in settin? up o* similar Enforcement Machinery.

Utilisation of Irrigation capacity

*313. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI-

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the beginning of the Seventh Five Year PIa$_n$ the available irrigation capacity-was 67.5 m. hectares whereas its utilisation was only 60.5 m. hectares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have made special efforts

to bridge tho gap between irrigation capacity and its utilisation;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what would be the estimated irrigation capacity and it$_s$ utilisation at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); ($_a$) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Steps taken include On-farm development works under the Command Area Development Programme, improved water management practices modernisation and stahlisa-tion of existing projects and water budgeting.

(d) At the end of the Seventh Plan period, irrigation potential is expected t$_0$ be about 80 million hectares and utilisation about 71.6 million hect fire?:.

Clearance of Irrigation projects of Orissa

'314. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Wll the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased, to state;

(a) the major irrigation projects in Orissa which th$_e$ Central Government hav$_e$ cleared for implementation and the projects which are still in the process of clearance; and

(b) the total investment to be made On all these projects?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) and (b) Out of six major irrigation projects under implementation in Orissa under the State Plan, five projects have been cleared. Latest estimated co^t of these six projects is Rs. 1798 crores and the likeiy expenditure on these projects upto the end of Seventh Plan is anticipated to b$_e$ about Rs. 638 crores.

Recording of ground water table

*315. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES b$_e$ pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water table is gradually going down in some parts of Madhya Pradesh and also in various parts of the country because of less rainfall and over-exploitation of ground water potential;

(b) whether th$_e$ Central Government have any proposal to deploy experts so as to identify the schemes through which th$_e$ ground water table can quickly be recharged and whether the Central Government are also considering to finance such ground water recharging investigation schemes; and

(c) if so, how much assistance is being given t$_0$ Madhya Pradesh for the year 1989-90 for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRl B. SHANKARANAND); (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Central Ground Water Board have undertaken studies on artificial recharge of ground water.

(c) Ap. allocation of Rs. 350 lakhs for Centrally Sponsored Schemes of soil conservation in the catchment area of river valley projects in Madhya Pradesh and Rs. 75 lakhs for integrated water-shed management in the Sone river catchment has bee$_n$ proposed for 1989-90.

Pa$_y$ structure of the Officers of the Indian Forest Service

*316. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will th$_P$ Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be-pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Forest Servic$_e$ Association has expressed resentment for not making their pa$_y$ structure a rational one and